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### DEMOCRATIC GOVERNORS PUSH WHITE HOUSE FOR GASOLINE PRICE ANSWERS

Washington, D.C. -- Ten Democratic Governors today sent a letter to President George W. Bush asking for a clear and precise explanation of spiraling gas prices.

"Because the recent price increases have a ripple effect on other critical components of our economy, it is important that the petroleum industry give an accurate and straight-forward explanation for the causes of the recent price spikes. This is a significant national concern, and it deserves more than the traditional Washington political response of pointing fingers," the letter states.

The letter further requests the President to direct Attorney General Ashcroft or another appropriate federal authority to conduct a prompt and thorough inquiry into the issue of gas prices.

Ten Governors signed onto the letter, including Governors Janet Napolitano (D-Arizona), Thomas J. Vilsack (D-Iowa), Gary Locke (D-Washington), Jim Doyle (D-Wisconsin), Kathleen Sebelius (D-Kansas), Ruth Ann Minner (D-Delaware), Joseph E. Kernan (D-Indiana), Jennifer Granholm (D-Michigan), Bill Richardson (D-New Mexico), and Bob Holden (D-Missouri).

"Prices shot up well before OPEC announced its output restrictions in February," said Governor Napolitano. "Now, we're averaging close to \$2.00 per gallon with no end in sight. These high prices are hurting our families and hurting our businesses. Consumers in every state deserve an explanation from the petroleum industry and from the President."

(Letter attached)

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